

**Claim Amendments:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) A mold and tubing assembly comprising:  
at least three silicone, hollow, flexible tubes each including a free end;  
a mold having first and second mold portions engaged to form a substantially closed  
cavity and supporting at least a portion of the three free ends within the mold;  
a passage forming assembly including ~~[[a]]~~ rod portions disposed within the free ends of  
each of the three tubes; and  
curable liquid silicone disposed in the cavity about the portions of the three ends and at  
least a portion of the passage forming assembly, wherein the passage forming  
assembly is configured to form a generally smooth passage between the three  
tubes after the liquid silicone is cured and the rod portion is removed.
6. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 5, wherein the ~~passage forming assembly~~  
rod portions include~~[[s]]~~ at least first, second and third rod members.
7. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 5, wherein the passage forming assembly  
~~[[is]]~~ comprises a "Y" shaped assembly.
8. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 7, wherein the ~~passage forming~~ "Y"-  
shaped assembly is a single-piece ~~[[ "Y" ]]~~.

9. (Original) The assembly of claim 5, wherein the passage forming assembly is non-silicone.

10. (Original) The assembly of claim 5, wherein the passage forming assembly is metallic.

11. (Original) The assembly of claim 10, wherein the passage forming assembly is stainless steel.

12. (Original) The assembly of claim 5, wherein at least one of the mold portions includes at least one port.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A mold and tubing assembly comprising:  
at least three silicone, flexible tubes each including a free end with an interior surface having respective interior diameters;  
a mold having first and second mold portions engaged to form a substantially closed cavity and supporting at least a portion of the three free ends within the mold;  
a passage forming assembly including at least three rod members ~~supported by a silicone piece~~, with a portion of each of the rod members being disposed within a respective free end of the three tubes; and  
liquid silicone disposed in the cavity about the portions of the three ends and at least a portion of the passage forming assembly.

15. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 14, wherein the passage forming assembly is configured to form a generally smooth passage between the three tubes after the liquid silicone is cured and the ~~rod portion~~ passage forming assembly is removed.

16. (Original) The assembly of claim 15, wherein at least one of the mold portions includes at least one port.

17. (Currently Amended ) The assembly of claim 15, wherein the ~~rod members are arranged in~~ passage forming assembly comprises a "Y"-shaped assembly orientation.

18. (Currently Amended ) The assembly of claim 15, wherein the ~~rod members are the legs of~~ "Y"-shaped assembly is a single-piece ["Y"].

19. (Original) The assembly of claim 15, wherein the rod members are non-silicone.

20. (Original) The assembly of claim 15, wherein the rod members are metallic.

21. (Original) The assembly of claim 20, wherein the rod members are stainless steel.

22. (New) The assembly of claim 7, wherein the passage forming assembly further comprises a straight rod, the Y-shaped assembly forming the first and second rod members, and the straight rod forming the third rod member.

23. (New) The assembly of claim 17, wherein the passage forming assembly further comprises a straight rod, the Y-shaped assembly forming the first and second rod members, and the straight rod forming the third rod member.